

29. The apparatus of claim 28 wherein said resting surface is operable to support an afflicted human patient and to provide said magnetic field to said patient for a period of time in excess of five hours.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract of the disclosure by replacing it with the attached replacement sheet. The changes to the abstract are represented in the annotation of the original wording, which annotation is also included with this Amendment.

REMARKS

Status of claims: This application was filed with 20 claims. In response to a restriction requirement dated May 6, 2003, Applicant elected claims 9-19. Those claims 9-19 have now been replaced with new claims 21-29.

Applicant has amended the claims in response to the Office Action of August 5, 2003. Although the newly submitted claims have narrower scope in some respects, they take a fresh approach to the subject matter of the invention and, accordingly, are broader than the original claims in several other respects. Although not all of the grounds for rejection were fully understood, and Applicant cannot agree with much of the foundation for those rejections, Applicant respectfully submits that the newly submitted claims are not novel nor obvious in view of the prior art.

While the claim amendments eliminate the basis for the objections to the drawings, Applicant also respectfully requests reconsideration of the objections to the drawings.

The Abstract has also been revised in a manner that should be more acceptable to the Examiner. The revised Abstract is limited to a single paragraph within the range of 50 to 150 words, and various words have been deleted and simplified to render it easier to read.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment made with this Office Action, to Deposit Account Number 500326.

Conclusion

In light of all the foregoing, believing that all things raised in Examiner's August 5, 2003 Office Action have been addressed, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the prior rejections and objections, as well as allowance of the claims and passage of the application to issue. If the Examiner would care to discuss any remaining matters by phone, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (210) 255-4545.

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[ANNOTATED TO SHOW CHANGES]

~~An apparatus and method~~ A magnetic treatment system and method for generating a large uniform magnetic field ~~while allowing easy ingress and egress of living organisms or other objects to and from the uniform field for the purpose of enhancing~~ to enhance the health of human subjects ~~the organism through exposure to the magnetic field, or effecting magnetic changes to the non-living objects placed therein.~~ The system is configured using a multiplicity of has narrow coils which allows excellent visibility ~~into and from the subject being treated within the uniform magnetic field.~~ The method of the invention provides for the heuristic adjustment of the various system parameters to ensure adequate uniformity, volume, and strength of the magnetic field ~~are achieved.~~ To facilitate comfort and convenience during extended periods of treatment, ~~Various~~ the system also has various types of resting surfaces may be located within the volume of space containing the uniform magnetic field. ~~These resting surfaces facilitate comfort and convenience of an organism, organisms, and/or other objects during extended habitation within the volume containing the uniform magnetic field.~~ Though there is no theoretical limit for the intensity of the uniform magnetic field generated by this invention, typical field strengths range from ten times the earth's magnetic field strength to forty times the earth's magnetic field strength ~~(5-20 gauss).~~